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**ANCHORAGE FELON SENTENCED TO 5 YEARS  
IN FEDERAL PRISON FOR FIREARMS CRIMES**

Anchorage, Alaska – Acting United States Attorney Karen L. Loeffler announced today, February 4, 2009, that Louis David Moon, a resident of Anchorage, Alaska, was sentenced in federal court in Anchorage to 60 months for his conviction of felon in possession of firearms and ammunition.

Chief United States District Court Judge John W. Sedwick imposed the sentence on Moon, age 39. Judge Sedwick also ordered forfeiture of a Hi-Point 9mm carbine rifle, an Arms Corporation .22 caliber rifle, and assorted ammunition used to commit this offense.

According to information presented to the court by Special Assistant United States Attorney Erin White, the defendant's crime came to the attention of law enforcement in August 2005, when a fugitive task force executed a search warrant pertaining to Moon's residence on 46th Street. The state court had issued the search warrant subsequent to the defendant's indictment by a Palmer, Alaska, grand jury. That grand jury charged Moon and six other defendants, with conspiracy to commit murder, conspiracy to commit assault, multiple counts of burglary, multiple counts of assault, multiple counts of misconduct involving weapons, and theft. During the search of the defendant's residence, the task force found the two rifles and assorted ammunition. Moon has a felony robbery conviction from the State of California, dating back to 1992.

Prior to imposing sentence, Judge Sedwick noted the serious nature of the criminal actions in this case, as well as the defendant's lengthy criminal history and prior opportunities for rehabilitation. In emphasizing the fact that possession of firearms by a felon is a serious offense, Judge Sedwick noted the need for a sentence to deter both the defendant and others from committing further crimes of this sort.

Ms. Loeffler commended the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives and the Alaska State Troopers for the investigation leading to the successful prosecution of Moon. SAUSA White is one of two prosecutors in the U.S. Attorney's Office who are funded by the Municipality of Anchorage for the purpose of prosecuting gang-related and violent crime cases.

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